



# NEWSLETTER

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

### **St Peter's Church: Sunday**

Mass time 10.30am.

### **St Augustine's Sunday**

Mass time 8.45am.

### **St Joseph's Blampied**

Midland Hwy

### **Parish Staff:**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Gary Jones

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### **Parish Office hours:**

Tuesday—Creswick 9.30—11am

Daylesford 12—3pm

Wednesday Daylesford 9.30 - 3pm

Closed Thursday

Friday Daylesford 12—1pm

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### **St Augustine's Family Group gathering :**

THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April 6.35 REGENT CINEMA:  
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

Cost \$ 15 for movie and we will meet for a coffee afterwards. All welcome.

**RSVP Kavals on 0466 499 864** This night is a fundraiser for Ballarat Zonta. The money raised goes to support the Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

Want to know more about St Augustine's Family Groups : contact Aileen Preston and Irene Martin

**3rd Sunday coffee at Smokeytown is now on again straight after mass. Sunday April 15th.**

Baptism



### ***Congratulations to***

George and Katie Davidson on the Baptism of  
their son

*George William*

At St Augustine's today

**A reminder that the St Peter's Leadership and Finance Meeting will be held this Wednesday April 18th at 4pm in the Parish Centre.**

